

Virginia Library Association

VLA Newsletter

June 2002

Meet the Candidates

The VLA Nominating Committee has completed its duties for this year, and I am pleased to announce a list of five candidates who are exceptionally able, respected, and active in the library community. Nominees for Vice President/President-Elect are **Edwin Clay, III** of Fairfax County Public Library and **John Moorman** of the Williamsburg Regional Library. Both Sam and John currently chair important VLA committees, and both are experienced library advocates. Nominees for Secretary are **Ann Friedman** of the Arlington Public Library, Co-chair of the Legislative Committee, and **Susan Paddock** of the Virginia Beach Central Library, former Co-chair of the Paraprofessional Forum. **Mary Mayer-Hennelly** of Tidewater Community College is our lone nominee to represent the Association as ALA Councilor. Mary has served for three years in this capacity and is willing to continue. Voting members have difficult choices to make this year, but we can be confident that VLA will be served well by any and all of these nominees.

--Cy Dillon, Past President

VLA's Presence Felt at Federal Library Legislative Day

While hundreds of supporters converged upon the U.S. Capitol on May 7 as a clear presence for libraries, VLA's annual luncheon for the Virginia congressional delegation was a solid piece of the day's success.

Organized by VLA Federal Relations Chair **Skip Auld**, the event drew attendees from throughout the Old Dominion and especially from Northern Virginia and Tidewater. A bus originating in Norfolk stopped in Hampton and Richmond before delivering trustees, Friends, librarians and a middle schooler to a stop near Capitol's Rayburn Building. Portsmouth Public Library was most visible with several trustees in attendance, led by director **Sue Burton** and trustee chair **Theodora Mason**.

VLA President **Iza Cieszynski** smoothly emceed the event, introducing various members of the U.S. Congress and ALA President **John Berry**. Audience members included Washington Office Executive Director **Emily Sheketoft**, Legislative Counsel **Miriam Nesbit**, and ALA Executive Board member **Alice Calabrese**. **Senators John Warner** and **George Allen** received special recognition for their faithful support of school library legislation.

A key ingredient of advocacy is keeping library issues (and library supporters) visible to lawmakers. This special luncheon is one excellent vehicle for doing just that.

--Mary Mayer-Hennelly, ALA Councilor

2002 JEFFERSON CUP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Storm Warriors by **Elisa Carbone** (Knopf) has won the Virginia Library Association's 20th annual Jefferson Cup Award.

The novel takes place on the treacherous coast of Pea Island, North Carolina in 1895. Despite the dangers, twelve-year-old Nathan, finds Pea Island a sanctuary. He, his father, and his grandfather live near the surfmen, a group of African-American men risking their lives to save floundering ships and their passengers. Nathan dreams of joining them, but the job is passed down through families and thus completely inaccessible to him. His sage grandfather advises, "Sometimes your dreams show up dressed a little different than you thought they'd be." As Nathan accepts this, he realizes a new and equally exciting direction for his future.

Two honor books were also named. These are *Under a War-Torn Sky* by **Laura Elliott** (Hyperion Press) and *Freedom Summer* by **Deborah Wiles** (Atheneum).

Three titles received "Worthy of Note" recognition. These are *The Ransom of Mercy Carter* by **Caroline B. Cooney** (Delacorte Press), *The Belly Gunner* by **Carol Edgemon** Hipperson and **Dale Aldrich** (Twenty First Century Books), and *My Family Shall Be Free! The Life of Peter Still* by **Dennis Brindell Fradin** (HarperCollins).

The Encyclopedia of American Studies (Grolier Educational) was recognized as a series "Worthy of Note."

The Jefferson Cup Award, was established in 1982 to honor distinguished books written for young people in the areas of United States history, historical fiction, and biography. The award seeks to encourage quality writing for young people and to promote the reading of books about America's past.

The Jefferson Cup Committee of the Youth Services Forum, a division of the Virginia Library Association, confers the award each year. Its members are drawn from all

regions of the state of Virginia. This year the committee received and read over 350 books submitted by publishers throughout the United States and published in the year 2001.

For further information about the 2002 Jefferson Cup, please contact **Rebecca Purdy** at rpurdy@crrl.org or (540) 372-1144.

--*Rebecca Purdy, Chair, 2002 Jefferson Cup Committee*

Bios and Statements by Candidates

This year's candidates have submitted their biographical and position statements for the benefit of the membership. Ballots for the election will be mailed to VLA members in August.

Nominees for Vice President/President Elect:

Edwin S. Clay, III
John A. Moorman

Nominees for Secretary:

Ann Friedman
Susan Paddock

Nominee for ALA Councilor:

Mary Mayer-Hennelly

Nominee for Vice President/President Elect:

Edwin S. Clay, III, known as "Sam" to his colleagues and friends, has been Director of the Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) since 1982. In this position, he manages all aspects of this 21-branch system, which has a budget of more than \$28 million, more than 700 employees, and more than three million books and materials.

In fiscal year 2001, more than 780,000 Library users checked out more than 11 million items and made almost five million visits to FCPL branches. In addition, a recent report in the *American Libraries* journal recognized the Library's excellence by ranking it sixth in the U.S. Clay also has been recognized for his leadership with one of Fairfax County, Virginia's top distinctions: a Managerial Excellence Award. Only one other County agency director has received the award since its inception in 1995.

A 1966 graduate of Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, Clay received a fellowship from the University of North Carolina for graduate work in library science. He received his Master of Library Science degree in 1967.

Clay has been associated with libraries and government throughout his career. He served as Director of the Virginia Wesleyan College Library and the Virginia Beach Public Library and Information Office. As assistant to the City Manager of Virginia Beach, he was responsible for the public information and human resource departments.

He is active in a variety of professional and civic groups and has received numerous honors. In April 2002, the Virginia Public Library Director's Association named him Outstanding Library Director. He also received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of North Carolina in May of 1996. He has been Vice President of Virginians for the Arts, Chairman of the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Vice Chair of the Manassas Art Center, and has served on the National Management and Planning Advisory Committee for the Library of Congress. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Public Library Foundation, Inc.

He is a member of the Virginia Library Association, currently serving as Chair of the Legislative Committee. He is the past-president of the Virginia Public Library Director's Association. In addition, he is an Adjunct Faculty member of the Catholic School of Library and Information Science.

Statement:

- I am running for the position of Vice President/President Elect because I believe in the importance of VLA.
- I am running because I recognize the tremendous impact VLA has on the operation of Virginia's libraries.
- I am running because I believe there has never been a more exciting time to be a librarian and that VLA can mirror this dynamism.
- I am running because I think I can make a difference in the support of all Virginia's public libraries through the strengths inherent in VLA.

If elected, I will work to

- Implement the recommendations of the JLARC report;
- Develop partnerships with other Virginia organizations who have a vested interest in Virginia's libraries;
- Strengthen ties with the School and Special librarians;
- Maintain VLA as a vital participant in Virginia's political process;
- Enhance VLA's fine educational, and outreach efforts;
- Focus the "voice" of VLA more forcefully and directly on issues facing Virginia's libraries and librarians; and
- Continue VLA's prudent financial plan and investment strategies

This is my third decade as a Virginia librarian. I know libraries, I know Virginia. I know the system. I know how to get things done. I ask that you allow me to work on your behalf.

--Edwin S. Clay, III, Candidate for Vice President/President Elect

Nominee for Vice President/President Elect:

John A. Moorman has been director of the Williamsburg Regional Library since July 2000. Previously he served as City Librarian, Decatur Public Library, IL (1992-2000); Executive Director, Cumberland Trail Library System, IL (1989-1992); Director, Oak Lawn Public Library, IL (1986-1988); Director, Brazoria County Library System, TX (1980-1986); Director, Hickory, NC Public Library (1975-1980); and Public Services Librarian, Guilford College, NC (1972-1975).

He holds a BA in Political Science from Guilford College, an MSLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a PhD in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He has been active in ALA and PLA and currently serves on the Committee on Organization of ALA. Within VLA he serves on the Legislative and Finance Committees and currently chairs the VLA 2002 Conference Committee.

Statement:

I am honored and humbled to have been nominated for this position.

If elected, I will use my experience and abilities to assist the Virginia Library Association in continuing to

- Provide quality educational opportunities for its membership through the annual conference, workshops, and other training opportunities.
- Enhance efforts to increase governmental, and organizational, understanding of the value of libraries and financial support of libraries.
- Defend the right of all individuals to free access to information.
- Enhance partnerships with other organizations such as the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of Counties.
- Be a place where librarians from all types of libraries can meet, have fun, and learn from each other.

--John A. Moorman, Candidate for Vice President/President Elect

Nominee for Secretary:

Ann Friedman has been Director of the Arlington County Public Libraries since 1995. Previous to this position she was an Assistant Director for Public Service at the Columbus Metropolitan Library in Columbus Ohio and a Children's Coordinator and then Deputy Director of the Montgomery County MD Public Libraries. In her current position at Arlington County she is responsible for the seven public libraries in Arlington as well as the management and development of the County's Website and information and referral service as well as the County's cable channel. She has also been extensively involved in the development of the library's outreach services particularly to new immigrants and to small business.

Ann received her BA from Radcliffe College and her MLS from the University of Michigan where she was a Horace Rackham Fellow in the graduate school of Arts and Sciences. A VLA member since 1995 she has been involved in the Association's legislative and political work. She has been a member of the Legislative Committee for four years and has co-chaired the Committee for the last two years. She was president of the Virginia Public Library Director's Association in 1997 and worked extensively with the Library of Virginia in the development and marketing of *Infopowering the Commonwealth*. She has published two articles in *Virginia Libraries*, the most recent of which appeared in January/February/March 2002, *Libraries in Times of Emergency – Lessons Learned*.

Statement:

The continued strong vision and leadership of VLA which has produced substantial gains in the past is essential to the vitality of all libraries in Virginia. Particular attention in next few years must be directed to

- Vision: Libraries all have local “visions”, but it is time we have a commonwealth vision that allows us to market and brand who we are and what services we deliver.
- Political: Libraries have strong grass roots funding support in the Legislature which must continue to be nurtured. And this support must be broadened to include the Executive Branch. However, intellectual freedom support may be problematic and will continue to demand attention. Partnership with other advocacy groups such as VML must be initiated so that support for libraries is seen as a broad mandate. The Legislative Liaison is critical. VLA must find a way to institutionalize financial support for this contract.
- Governance: The Library of Virginia provides leadership for public libraries through education, coaching and mentoring, managing state aid and *Infopowering* and advocating for all Libraries throughout the state. However, VLA needs to continue to strengthen their voice with the LVA Board so that the Board's advocacy is less muted and subtle and more broadly heard.
- Continuing Education: This has been a vital role of VLA throughout the state and must continue. However, technology must be made to work for this program through teleconferencing and interactive courses. Distance learning for MLS is with us. VLA must define a role for itself in this learning in order for these MLS programs to reach their full potential.
- Paraprofessionals: Paraprofessionals are essential to good customer service in libraries. The Paraprofessional Forum has been a great success. As with continuing education, technology must extend the education currently offered.
- Electronic Information: VLA must be involved in marketing the statewide databases so that continued support can be assured – and growth possible.

--Ann Friedman, Candidate for Secretary

Nominee for Secretary:

Susan Paddock is an Information Specialist with the Virginia Beach Public Library Department. She has been a member of the Information Services Staff at Central Library

since 1994. Previously, she worked as a Library Assistant in Fort Worth, TX (1991-1993); an office Manager in Germany (1986-1990); and a Research Scientist in San Diego, CA (1979-1981). Susan holds a BA in Biology from Hood College, Frederick, MD.

Susan has been active in VLA since 1997, serving on the Paraprofessional Forum Executive Board (Chair 2001 and Corresponding Secretary 2002), VLA Annual Conference Committees (2000, 2002), Scholarship Committee (2001, 2002) and the Finance Committee (2001).

Statement:

“The Virginia Library Association is a statewide organization whose purpose is to develop, promote, and improve library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to advance literacy and learning and to ensure access to information in the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

I have quoted the VLA mission statement above because it best says who we are and what we do. The statement gives us our charge. How we accomplish this may change from one year to the next, but one thing is certain; the work is never done. Every year the budget must be balanced, the financial reserves fortified, successful conferences and workshops planned, and the legislative agenda must be carefully tracked. Every year VLA members step up to meet the year’s challenges in order to fill our mission.

As VLA Secretary, I will bring my strong communication skills to fulfill the charge of informing the association’s membership of Council’s agenda and decisions in an expeditious manner. These skills have been honed during my development of electronic resources training for library staff and customers, my service on system-wide strategic planning committees, as well as my activities with VLAPF.

Since becoming an active member of VLA, I have been impressed by the accomplishments of VLA and its dynamic leadership. Relevant communication to all library constituencies is essential for the efficient operation and success of our organization. I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to serve VLA in the capacity as Secretary and work with VLA leadership toward continued successful accomplishments.

--Susan Paddock, Candidate for Secretary

Nominee for ALA Councilor:

Mary Mayer-Hennelly has been Associate Dean of Learning Resources at Tidewater Community College since 2001. Prior to that, she worked for the Norfolk Public Library where she was Assistant Director (1988-2001) and Community Services & Programming Coordinator (1986-88). Earlier, she served as a Portsmouth Public Library branch librarian and a Virginia Beach Public Library area librarian. She began her career at the Boston Public Library when she was a high school student and an undergraduate.

Mary holds an MLS from McGill University, an MPA from Old Dominion University and a BA from the University of Massachusetts.

Since joining VLA in 1977, Mary has been active in a variety of activities including the Legislative Committee and the Administrative Services Committee. She has chaired the Conference Committee, the Committee on Committees, the Junior Members Round Table (now New Members) and the Public Relations Committee when she wrote VLA's winning entry for the Grolier Grant.

Mary was elected VLA's Chapter Councilor to ALA in 1999. Since joining ALA 24 years ago, she has served on the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and many division committees and is a member of ACRL and LAMA. She now serves as a member of ALA's Committee on Organization (COO). Previously, she served as editor of ALA's *Cognotes* and chaired the Swap 'N Shop exposition at the ALA annual conference.

Mary has served as a trustee for the Norfolk Law Library since 1996 and has been active in the Hampton Roads Chapter for Public Administration (ASPA), winning the ASPA's national award for continuing education in 1995.

Statement:

Although I have been an active member of ALA for over two decades, there is a definite learning curve to serving on ALA Council. It has been an enjoyable experience to consider, discuss, and sometime argue about issues important to librarians nationwide. As a chapter councilor, I have also come to realize the behavioral differences between the at-large councilors and we who represent state associations. Each is important to ALA.

VLA is a significant organization for me because it has provided many opportunities to learn and to network. It was in VLA that I first learned the vital importance of library advocacy. Within VLA, I have continued advocacy efforts. One of the most recent has been organizing a Tidewater area bus for Federal Legislative Day.

I am a candidate for re-election because I can offer comprehension and skills gained in my first term and have become a stronger advocate for our members. I remain intensely interested in pay equity, compensation, continuing education and the status of librarians in organizations. It has been an honor to represent Virginia's librarians and I will continue to seek the opinions of VLA members from all sectors when considering the issues.

--Mary Mayer-Hennelly, Candidate for ALA Councilor

VLAPF Conference Profile

The 2002 VLAPF Conference was well attended with 409 library support staff personnel in attendance from all over the state as well as a few from other states along the east coast. There were 365 attendees from Virginia, 17 from Washington, D.C., 9 from Maryland, 6 from New York, 4 from North Carolina, and 1 from each of the states of Georgia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Of the Virginia attendees, there were 21 from Southwest Virginia; 43 from the southern part of the state that includes Bedford, Danville, Emporia, Lynchburg, Martinsville, and South Boston; 95 from the Tidewater area; 72 from the Piedmont area that includes Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Richmond; 54 from Northern Virginia; and 15 from the northwestern part of the state.

Those in attendance represented all types of libraries and every area of library work. One hundred and thirty-nine attendees work in academic libraries, 213 in public libraries, 23 in government libraries, and 13 work in special libraries. Areas in which attendees work include acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, reference, youth services, government docs, serials, interlibrary loan, administration, and specialized areas, such as archives and special collections.

The dormitory that housed those who wished to spend the night was filled to capacity with 160 attendees. There were 218 attendees commuting to the conference on Monday and Tuesday.

This 2002 VLAPF conference profile includes figures that were provided by VLA Executive Director, **Linda Hahne**. These statistics tell the story of how the conference serves so many library support staff involved in a variety of library settings from across the state and how it provides Virginia paraprofessionals with a connection to other library paraprofessionals from other states.

-- *Lydia Williams, VLA Paraprofessional Forum*

Monticello Avenue Wins Community Award

Monticello Avenue, a division of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, and the community network for Charlottesville and Albemarle County, was the recipient of the 2002 Community Award presented by the Virginia Piedmont Technology Council at their annual Tech Awards Banquet held at the Farmington Country Club on Tuesday, April 30. The Community Award, sponsored by the law firm of Woods, Rogers and Hazelgrove, recognizes the technology based organization that has demonstrated the greatest commitment to improving the quality of life in Central Virginia through community involvement.

The Monticello Avenue Website at <http://avenue.org> provides a detailed picture of the community for local residents, tourists and people hoping to move to the area.

Information about community organizations, events, and services are organized by subject on a Website that is designed to be easily navigated. Monticello Avenue also offers free public access to the Internet in a computer lab located at the Central Library in downtown Charlottesville.

For more information, contact **Stella B. Pool**, Coordinator, Monticello Avenue, at (434) 979-7151, ext. 202, or spool@avenue.org.

Source: Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

VLA 2002 Conference Update

It is time to make your plans to attend the VLA Annual Conference at the Williamsburg Marriott in Williamsburg on October 16-18, 2002. With the theme, *A Community of Partners*, the conference will provide many opportunities for professional development. A preliminary flyer featuring the conference speakers is available at <http://www.vla.org>. For further information about preconference and conference events, contact **John Moorman**, Chair, 2002 Conference Committee, at jmoorman@mail.wrl.org or (757) 259-7777.

Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research

The Virginia Genealogical Society is sponsoring its fifth Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR) in Richmond June 9-13, 2002. The Institute focuses exclusively on Virginia topics and methods in two levels of instruction for researchers and the librarians who serve them.

An introductory track covers Virginia history, geography and surveys of various record groups including Virginia vocabulary, religious diversity, the Library of Virginia and its finding aids, manuscript sources, the Virginia Land Office, births, marriages, and deaths, and a variety of other court records.

The more advanced course concentrates on the application of interpretive and analytical methods to solve research problems. Its theme is *Interpreting Virginia Records*. Records such as those pertaining to roads and ordinaries, chancery court proceedings, the early court system, the Mutual Assurance Society records and more are covered.

Combined sessions cover immigration sources, burned county research, and understanding inheritance, among others.

VIGR is held in Roslyn at the Virginia Episcopal Diocesan Center overlooking the James. While it may be too late to register for this year's event, it is just right to plan

your training budget to include funding for this institute for you or one of your staff next year. Total cost in 2002 is \$350.00 including Sunday dinner and all lunches. Accommodations can be added at \$200.00 for double occupancy and \$300 for single occupancy. This Institute remains the single best source for training in Virginia history and records for librarians serving genealogists.

For more information about VIGR, contact **Carolyn Barkley** at cbarkley@vbgov.com.

--Carolyn Barkley, Co-Chair, Local History, Genealogy & Oral History

Wanted: Articles for *Virginia Libraries*

Is there anything interesting, inspiring, or instructional happening at your library? Share it in *Virginia Libraries*! Contact **Barbie Selby** at bselby@virginia.edu or **Earlene Viano** at eviano@hampton.gov with article ideas or articles (short or long).

Virginia Libraries is a quarterly journal distributed to the VLA membership and is also available by subscription. This publication is used as a vehicle for members to exchange information, ideas, and solutions to mutual problems on current topics in the library and information field.

VLA Council Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the VLA Council meeting, scheduled for June 7 at the Northside Branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville, includes updates from major committees as well as reports from regions, sections, and forums. Be an informed member by reading the secretary's minutes of all VLA Council meetings on a regular basis. The minutes by **Janis Augustine**, VLA Secretary, may be viewed online under "Organization" and then under the "Council" section at <http://www.vla.org>.

People & Happenings

Mark Burdette is the new Government Documents Associate at Boatwright Library, University of Richmond. Mark earned his bachelor's degree in history at the University of North Carolina at Asheville and is completing work on a master's degree in maritime history at East Carolina University.

In a press release by Old Dominion University Libraries, the Patricia W. and J. Douglas Perry Library announced that **Pamela D. Morgan** has been named Librarian of the Year

and **Charles F. Hillen** has been named Support Staff Member of the Year for 2002. As winners in the annual awards program, they both received a check for \$100 and will have their names engraved on plaques that will be displayed in the library.

Pamela D. Morgan has been with the library since 1987, serving in a number of professional positions, and has been the Collection Development Officer since 1995. She was praised for developing a well-designed collection development program, planning the 2001 journal cancellation project, developing the idea of a Website as a vehicle for communicating updates on the project, serving on the VIVA (Virtual Library of Virginia) resources committee and contributing to the excellence of VIVA's collections for the academic libraries of Virginia.

Charles F. Hillen has been at the Perry Library since 1993. He began as a Bindery Clerk, was the supervisor of the Music Listening Room and then of the Diehn Composers Room before becoming the Lead Cataloger in the Bibliographic Services Department in 2000. Charles was honored for his outstanding service to the library's customers, for his supportive and courteous interactions with his co-workers, and for always striving to improve quality and service for internal as well as external customers.

Under a War-Torn Sky, which was one of this year's Jefferson Cup honor books, has won the Award in Young Adult Literature in the 2001 Borders Original Voices ® Awards. First-time novelist **L.M. Elliott** presents a hero from Richmond, Virginia, in her World War II story. Information about the award and the winner in each of four categories--fiction, non-fiction, YA fiction, and children's picture book--may be found at http://www.bordersstores.com/ib/200205/ib_features_ovawards.jsp.

Calendar

VLA Council Meetings

The VLA Council meetings for 2002 will be held June 7 and September 6, 2002
Place: Northside Branch Library, Charlottesville

June 10, 2002

Library of Virginia Board Meeting
Place: Richmond

September 20, 2002

Enhancing Your Leadership Potential: A Region II Mini Conference

Sponsor: VLA Paraprofessional Forum

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (insert)

Place: Lynchburg Public Library - Main Branch

Contact: Lydia Williams (434) 395-2432

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October 3, 2002

Reaching Out: Funding, Implementing, Collaborating

Sponsor: VLA Region V

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (insert)

Place: Johnson Center, George Mason University, Fairfax

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Place: Williamsburg Marriott, Williamsburg

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